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Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property Crops	
ILLINOIS, Central								
Schuyler County								
3 S Rushville	01	1235CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
Mason County								
5 SE Snicarte	01	1300CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
Menard County								
5 W Petersburg to Petersburg	01	1320CST 1322CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.00)
Clay County								
2.5 W Louisville to Flora	01	1330CST 1347CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
One hundred cars received hail damage at a car dealership in Louisville. Additional vehicles around Louisville sustained broken windows.								
Clay County								
Flora to 1 S Clay City	01	1345CST 1354CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G51) ^M
Several large trees were blown down in Flora and south of Clay City. The winds also damaged dugouts at the little league field in Flora.								
Morgan County								
7 SE Jacksonville	01	1345CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.00)
Richland County								
Noble to Parkersburg	01	1345CST 1420CST			0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Thunderstorm winds blew down several trees in Noble, Olney, and Parkersburg.								
Richland County								
Olney	01	1400CST 1430CST			0	0	0	Flash Flood
Numerous streets in town were flooded for around half an hour due to heavy rains. One street had a section collapse that was over a 48 inch drainage pipe. Also, several basements were flooded and one Olney Central College building suffered water damage from the flooding.								
Richland County								
2 S Olney to Olney	01	1400CST 1420CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
Sangamon County								
Auburn to Thayer	01	1400CST 1402CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
Christian County								
Morrisonville to Taylorville	01	1415CST 1530CST			0	0	0	Flash Flood
Numerous roads between Morrisonville and Taylorville were briefly flooded due to heavy rain.								
Christian County								
1 W Morrisonville to 1 S Taylorville	01	1420CST 1430CST			0	0	0	Hail(2.00)
Lawrence County								
Sumner	01	1420CST			0	0	0	Hail(1.75)
Clay County								
Flora	01	1500CST 1530CST			0	0	0	Flash Flood
Several streets in Flora were briefly flooded with 6 to 18 inches of water running over them.								
Shelby County								
2 N Shelbyville to 2 S Windsor	01	1500CST 1600CST			0	0	0	Flash Flood
Illinois Route 128 north of Shelbyville was flooded briefly. Also, Illinois Route 16 was flooded in spots near its intersection with Illinois Route 32.								



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ILLINOIS, Central									
Shelby County Tower Hill	01	1500CST			0	0	0		Hail(1.75)
Shelby County Mode to 3 S Stewardson	01	1510CST 1520CST			0	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Thunderstorm winds blew down a shed that was under construction, destroyed another farm shed, tore the roof off of another one, and blew down numerous trees and tree limbs.									
Effingham County 7 NNW Effingham to 2 W Montrose	01	1520CST 1537CST			0	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
Thunderstorm winds destroyed an unoccupied mobile home. The winds blew another unoccupied mobile home over, as well as, two semis on I-70 near Montrose and numerous trees and tree limbs.									
Shelby County 3 WNW Sigel	01	1520CST 1521CST	0.1	20	0	0			Tornado (F0)
A tornado briefly touched down 3 miles west northwest of Sigel. It removed half of a barn roof and threw the debris into the owner's backyard. Several 2 by 6 beams from the roof were driven into the ground. A horse was also injured as the roof fell on top of it. No other injuries were reported.									
Cumberland County 9.8 SSW Neoga to 8.8 S Neoga	01	1530CST 1535CST			0	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Thunderstorm winds blew a well secured mobile home two feet off its foundation in Lillyville. Also, numerous trees and tree limbs were blown down. No injuries were reported.									
Cumberland County 9 S Neoga	01	1530CST 1531CST	0.3	50	0	0	0		Tornado (F0)
A tornado briefly touched down 9 miles south of Neoga. It blew down several trees and caused shingle damage to a church. It also destroyed a 140 foot by 100 foot machine shed, throwing the debris up to a mile away. Many of the 2 by 6 beams from the roof were driven into the ground. One beam was driven 4 feet into the ground and had to be removed by a winch. No injuries were reported.									
Cumberland County 9.8 S Neoga to 10.3 SSE Neoga	01	1530CST 1535CST	1	100	0	0	0		Tornado (F1)
A tornado touched down 1 mile southwest of Lillyville. It destroyed a large barn, killing 3 horses and 4 pigs. As the tornado moved east southeast it took half of a barn roof off, throwing the debris one mile away. It damaged several grain silos and took the roof off of another barn before lifting and dissipating. No injuries were reported.									
Cumberland County Jewett	01	1541CST			0	0	0		Hail(1.00)
Crawford County 8 W Eaton to 3 SE Trimble	01	1604CST 1625CST			0	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
Damaging thunderstorm winds created a two mile wide by 17 mile long damage path across northern Crawford County. Six homes sustained major damage due to three to four foot diameter trees that were blown down on them. A mobile home was completely destroyed and several grain bins were blown over. Also, numerous power lines, power poles and trees were blown down in this area. Eleven homes sustained minor damage. There was one indirect death due to the damage. A 68 year old woman who was picking up debris after the storms moved through had a heart attack and died.									



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ILLINOIS, Central

Edgar County

1 N Paris 01 2120CST 0 0 0 **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Thunderstorm winds blew a tree down onto a house causing minor damage. No injuries were reported.

Christian County

4 SW Morrisonville to 06 0500CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
Pana 1440CST

Shelby County

Countywide 06 0500CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1230CST

Coles County

Mattoon to 06 0630CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
Charleston 0715CST

Crawford County

Robinson 06 0745CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1550CST

Scott County

4 NE Winchester 06 0900CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1000CST

Morgan County

6 SW Jacksonville 06 0915CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1015CST

Sangamon County

Auburn to 06 1100CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
Divernon 1130CST

Effingham County

Countywide 06 1130CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1400CST

Clay County

Countywide 06 1400CST 0 0 **Flash Flood**
1600CST

ILZ052-068

Christian - Crawford

06 1440CST 0 0 **Flood**
1900CST

Very heavy rains fell over a large portion of Central Illinois south of a Winchester to Charleston to Robinson line. Numerous roads were flooded due to the heavy rains, including Illinois Routes 128, 32 and 16 in Shelby County. In Christian County, a man had to be rescued after driving into a flooded section of Illinois Route 48 four miles southwest of Morrisonville. He was not injured. In Pana (Christian County), several basements were flooded. Several basements around Shelby County were flooded as well. The intersection of County road 700N and Illinois Route 45 in Clay County was flooded. Several vehicles drove into this area and stalled. However, no one had to be rescued as they were able to get out of the water on their own, though the cars had to be towed. In Christian and Crawford counties, the flooding persisted for over 4 hours after the rains had stopped.

Sangamon County

Springfield 06 2305CST 0 0 **Hail(0.75)**

Sangamon County

Springfield 07 0005CST 0 0 **Hail(1.75)**
0007CST

Menard County

Fancy Prairie 07 0036CST 0 0 **Hail(1.00)**

Cass County

Virginia 07 0055CST 0 0 **Hail(0.88)**



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Macon County								
Mt Zion	07	0125CST			0	0		Hail(0.75)
Cass County								
Ashland	07	0200CST 0230CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Numerous streets in Ashland, as well as rural roads nearby, were flooded due to heavy rains								
Logan County								
1 NE Cornland	07	0200CST 0300CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Illinois Route 54 just northeast of Cornland was briefly flooded due to heavy rains.								
Macon County								
Countywide	07	0200CST 0430CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Numerous county roads were flooded due to heavy rains, including County Highway 41 south of Illinois Route 48, County Highway 25 north of Illinois Route 105, and County Highway 57 at Sefton Road. Also, Illinois Route 48 south of Boody was under water for a time.								
Scott County								
Countywide	07	0200CST 0430CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several rural roads were briefly flooded due to heavy rains.								
Coles County								
Countywide	07	0245CST 0830CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Between 2.5 and 4 inches of rain fell over a short amount of time in Coles County. Numerous roads were flooded throughout the county. Approximately 30 people had to be evacuated from their homes due to the flood waters. Also, several vehicles were driven into flooded areas causing them to be stranded. No injuries or deaths were reported. Numerous basements were flooded as well and several of the flooded roads were washed out in places.								
Sangamon County								
1 S Pleasant Plains to 3 E Williamsville	07	0245CST 0430CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several roads were briefly flooded due to heavy rains.								
Christian County								
Countywide	07	0300CST 0430CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several rural roads were briefly flooded due to heavy rains.								
Champaign County								
Broadlands	07	0330CST 0400CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several roads in the Broadlands area were flooded for a brief time due to heavy rains. No structural damage was reported.								
Edgar County								
Paris	07	0330CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Two large trees were blown down in town. One fell onto an unoccupied van, destroying it								
Effingham County								
Countywide	07	0330CST 1000CST			0	1		Flash Flood
Up to four inches of rain fell over Effingham County in a short amount of time. Numerous roads were flooded, including Illinois Route 45 north of Effingham, Illinois Route 128 near Beecher City, and Route 40 west of Effingham. A school and the county courthouse sustained basement flood damage. One man had to be rescued after he attempted to cross a flooded creek in his ATV and was swept 150 yards downstream into some trees. He clung to the trees for two hours before he was rescued. He was treated and released from the hospital.								



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ILLINOIS, Central									
Shelby County									
Countywide	07	0330CST 0630CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Numerous roads were flooded due to heavy rains, including Illinois Route 32 south of Stewardson and roads east of Cowden due to the Kaskaskia River rising above its banks.									
Moultrie County									
Bethany to 5 E Lovington	07	0400CST 0640CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Numerous roads were flooded, especially in the northern half of the county. In the southeastern section of Bethany, six people had to be evacuated due to the rising waters. No injuries were reported. Illinois Route 32 south of Lovington was flooded, as well as, Illinois Route 133 between Lovington and Arthui.									
Cumberland County									
Countywide	07	0445CST 0900CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Numerous roads were flooded due to over 2.5 inches of rain in a short amount of time. Illinois Route 130 north of Greenup was flooded in places, as well as, numerous roads in the Sumter Township area.									
Clark County									
Countywide	07	0500CST 0900CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Over 2.5 inches of rain fell in a short amount of time. It caused numerous roads to become flooded countywide, including Illinois Route 1 between Marshall and West Union. In Marshall, so much rain fell that a canopy over a gas station collapsed due to the weight of the rain water. No injuries were reported.									
Edgar County									
Countywide	07	0500CST 0830CST			0	0	485K		Flash Flood
Numerous rural roads were flooded countywide, as well as several basements in the Paris area. Also, a 76 foot bridge south of Paris collapsed due to the flooding. No injuries were reported.									
ILZ062>063-066									
Cumberland - Clark - Effingham	07	0900CST 1600CST			0	0			Flood
Even though the rains had ended, the flooding continued on numerous county roads into the afternoon hours									
Clark County									
Marshall	08	1730CST 2100CST			0	0			Flash Flood
Over 2 inches of rain fell on already saturated ground in a short amount of time. Numerous roads in and around Marshall were flooded, including Illinois Route 1. Part of 11th Street at Vine in Marshall was washed away.									
Clark County									
Marshall	08	1730CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Morgan County									
Meredosia to Jacksonville	08	2200CST 2210CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Fulton County									
3 S Lewistown	08	2205CST			0	0			Hail(1.00)
Cass County									
Virginia to Chandlerville	08	2210CST 2230CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G55)



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ILLINOIS, Central

Numerous trees and powerlines were blown down in Virginia and Chandlerville. In Chandlerville, two of the trees fell onto two unoccupied vehicles destroying them. Several homes sustained roof and porch damage due to the fallen trees. No injuries were reported.

Woodford County

2 SW Eureka	08	2318CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G55) ^M
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Macon County

4 SW Decatur	08	2351CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A phonenumber pole was snapped in half by thunderstorm winds.

Shelby County

3 S Oconee to Windsor	09	0035CST 0100CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
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A line of severe thunderstorms moved east across Shelby County. Numerous trees, tree limbs and power lines were blown down. A mobile home 3 miles south of Oconee was moved two feet off its foundation but remained upright. The winds also destroyed a utility shed at this location. No injuries were reported.

Champaign County

Mahomet	09	0100CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Numerous large trees were blown down. Several trees caused minor structural damage to a few homes.

Moultrie County

Countywide	09	0100CST 0120CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Numerous power lines were blown down countywide.

Cumberland County

Neoga	09	0130CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several power lines were blown down in town.

Douglas County

2 W Garrett to Villa Grove	09	0130CST 0146CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Numerous trees were blown down. Also, in Villa Grove a window on a business was blown out, an unoccupied camper was destroyed, and awnings on a car wash were damaged. No injuries were reported.

Effingham County

Watson	09	0140CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several power lines were blown down around town.

Coles County

4 S Mattoon	09	0150CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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A large billboard was blown over.

Clay County

Flora	09	0158CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several large tree limbs and one large tree were blown down in town. Some homes sustained minor damage due to fallen limbs. Power lines were knocked down as well.

Jasper County

6.5 SW Bogota to Wheeler	09	0220CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several large tree limbs were blown down in Wheeler. The roof of a front porch was torn off of a house southwest of Bogota.

Richland County

Olney	09	0220CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several large trees were blown down around town. Some homes sustained minor damage from the fallen trees.



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Clark County								
Marshall	09	0240CST			0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
Several power lines were blown down in town.								
Woodford County								
3.8 SW El Paso to 1.8 ESE El Paso	08	2332CST 2337CST	4.5	50	0	0		Tornado (F0)
McLean County								
5.5 WSW Gridley to 4.5 WSW Gridley	08	2337CST 2338CST	1	50	0	0		Tornado (F0)
A weak tornado touched down in extreme southeastern Woodford County near the intersection of County Road 700N and 2500E. It was on the ground for a mile knocking down some power poles. It then lifted briefly before touching down again 1.8 miles southeast of El Paso. As it travelled to the northeast, it crossed into the extreme northwestern corner of McLean County. At this location, it took the roof off of a barn, damaged two other barn roofs, tipped over a grain auger, as well as, blowing down trees and tree limbs. It hit another farm with only minor tree limb and house guttering damage before lifting and dissipating. No injuries were reported.								
Fulton County								
Countywide	11	1000CST 2100CST			0	0	500K	Flash Flood
Numerous roads were flooded including Illinois Route 95 near Smithfield. Also, a section of the intersection of Illinois Route 9 and US Route 24 was washed away due to the heavy rains. Some basements were flooded in Farmington. Due to the heavy rains, a car hydroplaned causing it to go into a ditch off Illinois Route 78 near Norris. Four people in the car sustained minor injuries								
Stark County								
3 NE West Jersey to Wyoming	11	1045CST 1530CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Water flooded several roads between West Jersey and Wyoming.								
Tazewell County								
Washington	11	1100CST 2100CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several roads and basements in the Deer Ridge Subdivision were flooded due to between 3 and 4 inches of rain in a short amount of time.								
Mason County								
Manito	11	1104CST 1200CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several rural roads were briefly flooded.								
Knox County								
Countywide	11	1125CST 2100CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Numerous roads were flooded, as well as, several basements in Galesburg. Illinois Route 167 between Wataga and Victoria was flooded with some minor mudslides onto the road in spots. Also, the Illinois Route 116/Route 41 Viaduct was flooded 1 mile north of St. Augustine.								
Peoria County								
Countywide	11	1200CST 1600CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Several roads were briefly flooded including Barns Road near Hanna City.								
McLean County								
North Portion	11	1400CST 2100CST			0	0		Flash Flood
Illinois Route 165 was flooded in spots briefly and had to be barricaded. Several basements in Chenoa were flooded. Also, several roads in the Gridley area were flooded as well.								



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Peoria County									
Peoria to 3 W Trivoli	11	1510CST 1515CST			0	0		Hail(1.50)	
Woodford County									
Countywide	11	2000CST 2100CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Over 4 inches of rain fell in a short amount of time. Numerous roads were flooded and several creeks went out of their banks.									
ILZ027-031-036									
Knox - Woodford - Fulton									
	11 13	2100CST 1700CST			0	0		Flood	
Even though the rain had ended much earlier in the day, numerous roads remained flooded for a time including County Road 39 (Knox County) near London Mills. A log jam on the Spoon River at Duncan Mills (Fulton County) caused the river to rise quicker and threaten the closing of the US Route 24 bridge. Also, several roads in Fulton County had sections of them washed away due to the flood waters. Runoff continued to cause flood problems in Woodford County, especially in the Eureka and Roanoke areas. Two families had to be evacuated from their homes due to rising waters.									
Schuyler County									
Countywide	12	0115CST 0530CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Numerous roads were underwater including US Route 67 north of Rushville.									
Cass County									
Ashland	12	0230CST 0730CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Due to over 3 inches of rain in a short amount of time, the northwestern sections of town were flooded. Sixty homes sustained some kind of flood damage, with about a dozen of these homes sustaining major damage with 6 to 7 feet of water in their basements									
Morgan County									
Countywide	12	0358CST 0900CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Numerous roads were flooded due to the heavy rains, including Old Route 36 near Lynnville and Illinois Route 111 near Waverly. Also, several cars had to be towed after being driven into flooded areas. No injuries were reported									
Sangamon County									
Countywide	12	0404CST 0900CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Numerous roads were flooded countywide due to between 3 and 4 inches of rain on already saturated ground. In Divernon, Brush Creek went out of its banks around 7 AM, causing 40 to 50 people to be evacuated from their homes. Numerous basements were flooded countywide and one basement in Leland Grove had a wall collapse due to the saturated soils.									
Macon County									
Countywide	12	0406CST 0900CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Numerous roads and basements were flooded due to over 2 inches of rainfall in a short amount of time.									
Coles County									
Mattoon	12	0520CST 1030CST			0	0		Flash Flood	
Numerous roads in town were flooded and several residents in an apartment complex had to be evacuated due to the flooding. Several basements were flooded as well.									
Douglas County									
Countywide	12	0530CST 1030CST			0	0		Flash Flood	



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ILLINOIS, Central

Between 4 and 5 inches of rain fell on already saturated soils causing widespread flooding. Illinois Route 133 was flooded, as well as, Illinois Route 130 west of Villa Grove. Villa Grove sustained significant flooding for the third time in a month. Arcola High School received flood damage when two feet of water rushed into the school's boiler room, boys' locker room, and the school kitchen.

Moultrie County Countywide

12	0530CST 1030CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Numerous roads were flooded due to over 4 inches of rain in a short amount of time, including Illinois Routes 32 and 121 south of Sullivan. Several residents from a nursing home in Lovington had to be evacuated due to rising waters. Also, numerous basements were flooded.

Shelby County Countywide

12	0530CST 1030CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Numerous roads were flooded due to 3 to 4 inches of rain in a short amount of time. Illinois Route 128 north of Shelbyville, as well as, Illinois Route 32 north of Windsor were flooded. One 85 year old woman drove through a flooded section of road and was swept into a nearby farm field. She was rescued with no injuries. Several homes sustained basement flooding, with 4 homes sustaining serious damage from basement walls that collapsed.

Christian County Countywide

12	0700CST 0900CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Numerous roads were flooded including Illinois Route 48 north of Taylorville and Illinois Route 29 between Springfield and Taylorville. Several basements in Taylorville were flooded.

Cumberland County Countywide

12	0830CST 1300CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Over 4 inches of rain fell on already saturated ground causing flash flooding. Numerous roads were flooded. Four people sustained minor injuries after the car they were in hydroplaned on wet pavement near Toledo. Also, one motorist drove into a flooded section of road a few miles north of Toledo. He tried to back out of the water, but his car was picked up and floated downstream into a farm field. He was rescued and sustained no injuries.

Scott County Glasgow

12	0830CST 0900CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Several rural roads near Glasgow were flooded including the Glasgow Blacktop.

Piatt County South Portion

12	0930CST 1030CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Numerous roads were under water due to between 2 and 4 inches of rain, including Illinois Route 105 between Bement and Monticello. Numerous basements in the Cerro Gordo and Bement areas were flooded.

Clark County Countywide

12	1015CST 1300CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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Over 4 inches of rain fell causing flash flooding. Illinois Route 49 north of Casey was flooded.

Champaign County South Portion

12	1100CST 1600CST				0	0	Flash Flood
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ILLINOIS, Central

Between 2 and 4 inches of rain fell on already saturated ground causing flash flooding. Numerous roads were closed due to flooding and the Broadlands School had to have sandbags put around it to prevent flooding of the building. One car drove into a flooded section of road east of Sidney. The elderly couple had to be rescued by a nearby farmer. No injuries were reported

Vermilion County South Portion

12	1130CST 1600CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Between 2 and 4 inches of rain fell over southern portions of Vermilion County causing flash flooding. Twenty-two homes in Westville and Tilton suffered basement and crawl space flooding. Several water treatment plants in the area had to be sandbagged to prevent flooding of the facilities.

Effingham County Countywide

12	1300CST 1700CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Two to four inches of rain fell on already saturated ground causing flash flooding. Illinois Route 33 near Beecher City was flooded, as well as US Route 45 near Effingham. One vehicle hydroplaned on wet pavement on northbound I-57 north of Effingham injuring the driver and a passenger.

Jasper County Countywide

12	1400CST 1700CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Three to five inches of rain fell on already saturated ground causing flash flooding. Illinois Route 130 was flooded north of Newton, as well as several basements in Newton. Two residences had to be evacuated due to rising flood waters.

Crawford County Countywide

12	1630CST 1700CST	0	0	Flash Flood
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Three and a half to five inches of rain fell on already saturated ground causing flash flooding. Numerous roads were flooded including Illinois Route 1 and Illinois Route 33

Crawford County Robinson

12	1700CST 1705CST	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several large trees were blown down around town. Two caused minor damage to two houses. Another tree fell onto an unoccupied minivan, destroying it.

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12	0900CST	0	1	Flood
13	1700CST			

Although the rain had ended, runoff from the storms continued to aggravate the flooding situation across Central Illinois. The runoff continued to cause flooding problems on numerous county roads and basements. Illinois Route 130 between Jasper and Richland counties remained flooded. In Jasper County, an elderly woman had to be evacuated from her home due to rising flood waters and another person had to be rescued after driving into a flooded area. No injuries were reported. Flooding continued in Effingham County with several motorists driving into flooded roadways and had to be rescued. No injuries were reported there. In Clark County, Illinois Route 1 was flooded south of Martinsville, as well as Old Route 40 between Martinsville and Casey. In Cumberland County, Illinois Route 121 west of Toledo was closed for a time due to flooding and Illinois Route 130 between Greenup and Charleston was closed as well. Several people in Villa Grove (Douglas County) had to be evacuated via boat due to rising waters in town. Several basements in Arcola (Douglas County) were flooded. In Shelby County, US Highway 51 near Moweaqua was closed due to the flooding. In Christian County, several roads were washed out. Two mudslides occurred at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Taylorville (Christian County), covering the road with mud. On Sunday evening in Decatur (Macon County), a mudslide occurred on Lake Shore Drive. No structures were affected by the mudslide. Train tracks on the east side of Decatur were washed out and had to be repaired. On Sunday near Riverton (Sangamon County), a levee was breached on the Sangamon River flooding farmland. Several water treatment plants around the Sangamon County and a power plant in Springfield had to be sandbagged to prevent flooding of the facilities. The flooding caused the southbound lanes of Interstate 55 (southern Sangamon County) to be closed due to high water from Brush Creek near Divernon. In Morgan County, Illinois Route 78 at Illinois Route 104 remained closed due to



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the flooding. Also, 3 teenagers had to be rescued Sunday evening after driving into a flooded section of roadway near Jacksonville and were swept several feet downstream until the car came to rest next to a power pole. One man sustained minor leg injuries.

Peoria - Marshall - Woodford - Fulton - Tazewell - Schuyler - Mason - Cass - Menard - Scott - Morgan - Sangamon - Jasper - Crawford - Lawrence

12	2030CST	1	0		Flood
31	2359CST				

After several rounds of precipitation over Central Illinois during the first couple weeks of May, area rivers rose above flood stage at most locations. The following rivers were in flood during May: Spoon River, Illinois River, Mackinaw River, Sangamon River, Embarras River and the Little Wabash. The death of the 8 year old boy in Mason county occurred when he was playing in a boat that was tied to the shore in a flooded part of the Illinois River. The rope got loose and the boat started to drift away. He panicked and jumped into the water and drowned. As far as property damage is concerned, not too many homes were affected despite record or near record crests on many of the rivers in Central Illinois. Since the 1993 floods, many levies were built or existing ones were extended to prevent widespread flooding. The Mechanicsburg (Sangamon Co.) water treatment plant was inundated on the 13th by the Sangamon River. Also, several homes in the Riverton and Rochester areas were flooded due to the Sangamon River. In Cass County, the Bell Levy near Chandlerville was breached on the 15th. This caused Illinois Route 78 to be closed and seven homes were affected by the water. In southeastern Illinois, the Embarras River crested at a record 24.27 feet on May 16th in Lawrenceville. Several homes in town near the river were flooded. In southwestern Crawford County, a levy on the Embarras River near Landes was breached on the evening of the 14th. No structures were threatened, but several roads and farm fields in the area were flooded. M8IW

Peoria County

**Elmwood to
Trivoli**

13	1800CST 1805CST	0	0		Hail(0.88)
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Tazewell County

Delavan

13	1843CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several power lines were blown down around town.

Jasper County

St Marie

25	1317CST	0	0		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Several trees and power lines were blown down.

Richland County

Claremont

25	1320CST	0	0		Hail(1.75)
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Lawrence County

Chauncey

25	1335CST	0	0		Hail(1.00)
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Crawford County

6 S Palestine

25	1400CST	0	0		Hail(0.75)
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Morgan County

Waverly

27	1413CST	0	0		Hail(1.00)
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Sangamon County

Auburn

27	1430CST 1600CST	0	0	400K	Flash Flood
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With the large amounts of hail that fell in addition to 3 inches of rainfall in a short amount of time, several streets in town became flooded. With the storm drains blocked by the hail, the water could not drain fast enough near the Auburn Middle and High School building. The school sustained widespread flood damage totaling around \$400,000.

Sangamon County

Auburn

27	1435CST 1455CST	0	0	9M	Hail(2.00)
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Hail fell for 20 minutes in Aurburn causing widespread damage. Many cars sustained hail damage, as well as, damage to windows, roofs, and siding on numerous homes. Damage was estimated around 9 million dollars.

Christian County

Taylorville to Palmer

27	1535CST 1600CST				0	0			Hail(1.00)
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Several roofs in Palmer sustained hail damage.

Christian County

South Portion

27	1610CST 1800CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Between 3 and 4 inches of rain fell over the southern half of Christian County in a short amount of time. Illinois Route 48 just north of Palmer was closed for about an hour due to the flooding. In Taylorville, a few homes sustained basement flooding and 3 cars had to be towed after being driven into flooded areas. No injuries were reported.

Shelby County

3 SW Findlay

27	1635CST				0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Shelby County

Westervelt

27	1715CST 2100CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Illinois Route 128 near Westervelt was flooded for a couple of hours due to heavy rains

Coles County

3 N Mattoon

27	1740CST				0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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Thunderstorm winds blew down several power lines at the intersection of Illinois Route 45 and County Road 1000N.

Coles County

Mattoon

27	1749CST				0	0			Hail(0.75)
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Coles County

Mattoon

27	1800CST 2100CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Several roads in town were briefly flooded due to heavy rains.

Scott County

3 E Naples

27	1815CST 2100CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Two feet of water was flowing over the Naples Blacktop Road due to heavy rains.

Clark County

West Union

27	1820CST 2200CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Illinois Route 1 was flooded at several locations near West Union due to heavy rains.

Sangamon County

Lowder

28	1530CST 1600CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Champaign County

Champaign

28	1605CST 1700CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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De Witt County

5 SW Weldon

28	1645CST 1730CST				0	0			Flash Flood
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Isolated thunderstorms over Central Illinois dumped several inches of rain in a short amount of time. Several county roads southwest of Weldon (DeWitt County) were flooded, as well as roads in southwestern Sangamon County near Lowder. In Champaign, several roads in town were flooded due to the heavy rains.

Edgar County

1 S Borton

31	1435CST				0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
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		Local/ Standard	Length (Miles)	Width (Yards)	Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

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Thunderstorm winds blew over a semi truck near the intersection of Illinois Route 49 and Illinois Route 133. The driver was uninjured. Also, several trees were blown over.

Coles County

Coles Co Mem Arpt	31	1640CST			0	0			Thunderstorm Wind (G52)^M
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Coles County

1 S Mattoon	31	1645CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
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